

LIGHTHOUSES FOR THE BLIND.

Atlanta, Ga., May 21.—In the State of North Carolina live 1563 of 57,272 blind people of the United States, according to figures given out by the Southern headquarters of the committee for lighthouses for the blind here. North Carolina ranks fifteenth among the 49 States listed according to blind persons per 100,000 population and of the above number, 931 are white and 632 negroes; 929 of the whites are native born and 2 foreign born. The statistics show that there are now 275 blind persons being cared for in North Carolina institutions.

The committee for lighthouses for the blind of which President Warren G. Harding is honorary chairman, was founded in New York 15-years ago by Miss Winifred Holt. Several "lighthouses" as they are called—places of instruction for blind persons to enable them to become self-supporting and to provide broader and more remunerative fields of labor—were established at that time under Miss Holt's direction. They proved so successful that now lighthouses are functioning in Italy and France. Plans are now under way for extending the United States so that blind people everywhere will be assisted. Sponsored and supported by some of the greatest national lights in finance, industry and politics, the committee is about to launch an American appeal for \$2,000,000 with which to broaden and extend the scope of its work at home. Contributions may be addressed to Lewis L. Clarke, Treasurer, Committee for Lighthouses for the Blind, 111 East Fifty-ninth Street, New York City.

Among other interesting data contained in the committee's statement regarding the blind is the fact that of 29,242 cases investigated in this country, 1900 of that number were born without sight and these, 709 were the offspring of parents who wedded first cousins. Of the total blind population in America, 6786 are earning their own living; 6783 are white and 1193 negroes. The above figures include all sightless persons actually making their own way independent of others, whose vocations vary from that of agriculturalist to store clerk and clergyman.

PUBLISH SLACKER LISTS, SAYS LEGION

Men Who Served Honorably Willing to Undergo Temporary Embarrassment

Indianapolis, Ind., May 22.—Assurances are coming into national headquarters of the American Legion from members in all parts of the country that even though their names have been erroneously included on lists of draft deserters they are willing to endure this temporary embarrassment in order that the real slackers may be helped up to permanent shame.

In some localities legion posts are checking the lists before publication. Relative to errors that have crept into the slacker lists, National Commander F. W. Galbraith, Jr., said: "The American Legion sees no reason to regret the issuance and publication of the draft deserters' lists. That publication has shown there are so many errors in these lists is inevitable in the handling of one hundred and sixty thousand names."

"Many of the men embarrassed by the erroneous inclusion of their names are ex-service men and legion members with honorable records. Their embarrassment has been but temporary, however, as the errors have been quickly righted."

"Friends, relatives and neighbors know who served and who did not serve their country and newspapers have quickly made amends for unintentional injury at the hands of the government. Legion posts throughout the country stand ready to assist in clearing up any confusion. It has not been a source of bitterness to veterans to be temporarily classed with the slackers. At most it has been an annoying experience. The bitterness, the anger and shame are felt only by the real slackers, the men whose names are on the lists and will stay there."

"I believe that nine out of ten ex-service men are willing to be slightly and temporarily embarrassed if they feel that the slackers of the country are, at the same time, being rightfully and permanently embarrassed, the more quickly since errors are being quickly cleared up by individuals and by the American Legion and similar organizations."

"As a matter of fact, publication of these lists gives the opportunity of forever clearing the names of the men who served, which otherwise might through error be stained. Newspapers are doing a patriotic service in printing the lists, for it is of the utmost importance that the records be immediately and finally cleared. Even though unavoidable errors occur, the American Legion is firm in believing that the slacker lists must receive the full light of publicity. Only through publication can the innocent be completely and finally vindicated."

Special Services at Oakland.

Editor Herald:—Please say in this week's issue of The Herald that there will be special service in Oakland Methodist church next Sunday, the 29th instant and we are expecting it to be a day of special interest to the congregation and their friends. The day is our Sunday School Day. A special program is being prepared and a feature of it is that Mrs. J. N. Hargrove of Dillon, is to make an address on the topic, "The Task of the Sunday School." The public is cordially invited. E. Z. James.

DOCTOR HAS CLOSE CALL

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Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham had a close call yesterday afternoon when somebody shot a bullet through the glass in an Overland coupe in which he was riding. The glass was broken near Dr. Pate's head. He was riding along a road near Raynham and the shot was fired from the woods. He has no idea who fired the shot.

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